



## New Diocesan vision

*Bishop Peter shares a vision for the diocese of Bath & Wells*

**From the Rt Revd Peter Hancock,  
Bishop of Bath and Wells:**

It's just over two years ago that I came to Bath and Wells, and when I came, it was with a very clear charge, given to me by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to help the diocese to discern what our vision is and to discover together what it is that God is calling us to be and to do. Where is it God is leading us, as we seek to be his people here in Bath and Wells?

As we've talked about that, a vision has emerged that is becoming stronger the more we reflect and talk and pray about it. It is that ***in response to God's immense love for us, we seek to be God's people, living and telling the story of Jesus.***

That means that together we need to pray and seek to discern what it is to listen to God's word, to walk in his steps and to allow his Holy Spirit to transform our lives. As we've talked together, three priorities have emerged:

- The first is to put mission and evangelism at the heart of everything we do;
- The second is to look at our resources, our ministry, all that God has given to us and entrusted to us – our buildings, our time, our money – and to make sure we're using those effectively to build up the kingdom of God and to declare the good news of God's love;
- And the third is to look at ourselves and to think about the gifts that God has entrusted to us and ask how we can identify those gifts, how we can develop them and then how we can

offer them to God in order that we might be God's people, living and telling the story of Jesus.

In a jigsaw there are many pieces, and each one of those pieces is important. Each has its own particular place and the picture is not complete without each one being in the right place. And so it is for all of us, but the question is where can we best serve God?

For some of us, it may well be in our local churches or perhaps in our deanery. For others it may be in our homes, in our schools, in our places of work, as chaplains, in places where we work or where God is leading us. For others, we may be involved in the diocesan synod or perhaps helping to work together in order to determine how to take forward the vision that God is placing in our

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*Bishop Peter presents the new diocesan vision in a video. This is a slightly edited transcript. Watch it at [www.bathandwells.org.uk/diocese/shapingourfuture](http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/diocese/shapingourfuture)*

# New Diocesan vision (continued)

▶ hearts, the call he's placing before us.

I'm sure the most important thing for each and every one of us is to put prayer at the very centre of all that we do. Prayer is what will sustain us. It's prayer that will inspire us and it's prayer that enables us to be God's people, living and telling the good news of Jesus.

I'm clear what my role is: it's to help to further those conversations that have brought us this far. It's to listen to people, not just inside the diocese but from those outside of the life of the church, that together we can hear what it is that God is saying at this time. And then of course to communicate and to

share with everyone what I believe God is saying to us and what we're hearing about God's word and how best we can share the love of Christ.

A prayer has been written that I've found both inspiring and helpful:  
*Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit guide us into the future.  
Help us, throughout the diocese, to show uninhibited reliance on your grace and power, as we seek renewal of our lives.  
Give us courage, rigour, imagination and generosity in order that your kingdom may come and that your abundant life be known by all.*

And I say amen to that.

## Our face turned towards the community

### **Revd Lore Chumbley writes:**

This month Bishop Peter presented the new "Diocesan Strategy for Mission and Evangelism". Those two words may sound a bit foreign to us in Christ Church but actually "Mission" is what happens at the end of every service when we are sent out to "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord" – mission is the act of being sent out. "Evangelism" is simply sharing the good news of the Gospel – in the ways we live and work and interact with others and even, if necessary, in words.

Each church has been charged with defining its "mission and evangelism goals". It seems to me that there are three areas of activity on which we in Christ Church are expending energy.

Firstly there is the re-ordering of the entrance at the West end of Church to provide a welcoming new doorway, entrance hall and accessible toilets. Secondly we are continuing our Friday morning Cedar Tree Café, and in addition over the summer we have launched "Summer Saturdays", when the church is open each Saturday morning offering tea, coffee and home made cake. On July 16th, our first Saturday opening, a mixture of tourists and local residents were

welcomed into Christ Church, including one who was married in the church in 1962, several people who had passed Christ Church or heard our bells but never before come in, and our local MP, Ben Howlett.

The third area of activity centres on the discussions we will have in the Autumn to discern what our priorities are in worship, and so what shape the reordering of our East End should take,

All three projects relate to our outreach as Church. They affect how we interact with each other and the community in which we are situated. They are actually significant acts of Mission and Evangelism. As one Church member put it, they are ways of "turning Christ Church's face towards the local community".

And encouragingly, when we do that, our community responds. As well as all those who have come into church on Friday and Saturday mornings, 60 of the year 1 and 2 children from St Andrew's School spent a whole week in church during July as part of their "School Without Walls" project.

Turning our face towards the community – Mission and Evangelism indeed, but with a peculiarly Christ Church flavour.

# Coming events

## **Christ Church Open Mornings**

*What is it?* Christ Church is open every Saturday morning over the summer, offering the local community an opportunity to visit our historic Georgian building and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake  
*When is it?* Every Saturday, 16 July to 3 September, 11am to 1pm  
*Where?* Christ Church, Julian Road, BAI 2RH

## **Abbey House open day**

*What is it?* Abbey House, Glastonbury, is celebrating its 85th year as a Retreat House with barbecue lunches, cream teas, plus music, stalls and tours of the house – or just come and sit in the garden and enjoy the view  
*When is it?* Sunday 7 August, 12–4pm  
*Where?* Abbey House, Chilkwell Street, Glastonbury, BA6 8DH  
*Entrance* £1.50. All welcome!  
*Details* <http://abbeyhouse.org>

## **Mothers' Union festival service**

*What is it?* Bath & Wells Diocesan Mothers' Union has a festival service at St Mary Magdalene, Taunton, followed by tea. All welcome!  
*When is it?* Tuesday 23 August, 2:30pm  
*Where?* St Mary Magdalene Church, Church Square, Taunton TA1 1SA

## **Apple Picking Party in aid of Genesis**

*What is it?* Janet Mahto is opening her garden again this year in aid of Genesis Trust  
*When is it?* Sunday 4 September, from midday  
*Where?* Granville Lodge, Weston Road, Bath BA1 2XU

# Last month (not in Christ Church...)



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## In memory of David Burt

A quarter-peal will be rung at Christ Church at 10am on Saturday 13 August in honour of David Burt, whose funeral was held on Thursday 4 August. David was a bell-ringer at Christ Church and was instrumental in repairing our bells in 1979, bringing them back into use. He was the son of Walter Burt, Verger of Christ Church in the 1980s. May he rest in peace.

*On the evening of Monday 25 July, in St Mary's, Stogumber, Revd Prebendary Angela Berners-Wilson was installed as Rector of the Quantock Towers Benefice by the Bishop of Taunton, Rt Revd Ruth Worsley. A coach party from Christ Church made the trip to support ABW and wish her well. (Many thanks to Malcolm and Brenda, who organised the coach and our stop for tea!) Top: at the end of the service, Bishop Ruth made a point of welcoming Andrew too. Above: ABW with Bishop Ruth and the acting Archdeacon.*

## Julian House walk

Bath-based homeless charity Julian House is inviting the public to take part in the popular annual Circuit of Bath Walk on Sunday 25 September. The event involves walking part, or all, of a spectacular circular route around the edge of the city. The route has been carefully selected so that you can enjoy some wonderful views across Bath: Upper Swainswick, Solsbury Hill, Bathampton, Monkton Combe, Southstoke and Englishcombe. The terrain is a mix of well-used paths and public rights of way, limited sections of roadway, flat ground and of course hills – well, this is Bath!

Participants can choose to do anything between two and 20 miles, thanks to a unique shuttle bus service that runs between the five checkpoints, making it a very family friendly event. Part of the route is buggy-friendly, and dogs (on leads) are welcome on the entire route. Everyone who completes the whole 20 mile route will receive a special medal.

The event is free to enter; participants are asked to raise sponsorship to help the work of Julian House supporting homeless and excluded individuals. You can also buy a booklet describing interesting snippets of local history. For more information and online registration, visit [www.julianhouse.org.uk](http://www.julianhouse.org.uk)



Walkers taking part in last year's Circuit of Bath Walk in aid of the work of Julian House.

## Thanks from the Mothers' Union

**From Daniel McAllister, Head of Fundraising and Communications, Mothers' Union:**

Thank you so much for your kind donation of £54.00 towards Mothers' Union's Big Summer Appeal. It is our faith in God that motivates us to do good things, including raising money to fund Mothers' Union projects. The money you have raised makes a difference to people facing adversity at home and abroad.

Thank you for giving people like Violet, from Zambia, the opportunity to develop useful skills and knowledge to transform their lives and those of their families. After joining Mothers' Union's Church and Community Mobilisation (CCM) Process, Violet was able to start her own business – first selling dried pumpkin leaves, then buns she baked. Now she can afford to pay for her children's school fees and uniforms.

*"Before CCM, I never thought much about my children's education, but that has changed and CCM has helped me plan for the future. Soon I will be able to build a good house and buy some livestock, to help with cultivating."*

Your support also means members in the UK and Ireland will continue to be equipped to provide Away From It All (AFIA) holidays. These holidays can often be a vital lifeline for families facing difficulties, providing quality family time away from stressful situations and improving relationships.

*"I had fled from my husband with two of my daughters because of domestic violence and mental abuse. We had nothing. However we spent a wonderful week as a family; not just as a holiday but it was a time with my daughters to talk and understand how they were feeling."*  
– AFIA holiday recipient.

Thank you, once again, for helping to make a difference to so many people – both at home and abroad.

# Bishop's Message for August

*Knowing where we are headed as followers of Jesus*



**From the  
Rt Revd  
Peter Hancock,  
Bishop of  
Bath and Wells**

The Contemporary English translation of the Bible translates Proverbs 4:6 as: *“Know where you are headed, and you will stay on solid ground.”*

That is good advice for everyone, not least for us as God's people here in Bath and Wells as we seek to live and tell the story of Jesus. As followers of Jesus we are called to listen to his words, follow in his steps and allow his Holy Spirit to transform our lives. You may be aware that there has been a lot of thinking going on about how we might shape our future as a diocese and become more missional and intentional in our use of all that God has given to us and entrusted to us. That thinking, listening, praying, dreaming and talking has led the Diocesan Synod to adopt three priorities that need to

shape our diocesan life.

The first is to place mission and evangelism at the heart of everything we do. The second is to realign our ministry resources so that they are more clearly focused towards mission. And the third is to identify, develop and use the gifts which have been given to each of us so that we can more faithfully serve one another and the communities where we live and work.

I believe this is the start of an exciting new chapter for Bath and Wells, and one that we all have a part in writing. The vision that I believe God is laying before us is this: in response to God's immense love for us, we seek to be God's people living and telling the story of Jesus. There will need to be much more listening and talking together for this to become a reality, and I look forward to those conversations and the journey ahead of us. As we pray and seek faithfully to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, we can be confident that the Lord will sustain and strengthen us on our journey with him.

With warm greetings in the Lord

**+Peter Bath and Wells**

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## Exploring Spirituality course in Wells

Exploring Your Spiritual Journey is the introductory year, open to everyone, of the Exploring Spirituality course. The only prerequisite is a desire to discover more about your inner journey and a commitment to attend regularly.

Participants are encouraged to explore their personal spiritual journey and self-awareness. This includes the Enneagram,

developing listening skills, experiencing different traditions of Christian spirituality and drawing up a simple rule of life.

The group will meet in the Old Deanery, Wells, on alternate Thursdays between 10am and 3pm, from September 2016 until July 2017. For details of the course and contact details, visit the Bath and Wells diocesan website at <http://bit.ly/Explore-Spirituality>

# Book review: Sceptical Christianity

*Sceptical Christianity: exploring credible belief* by Robert Reiss. Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2016, £8.99. (Two new copies in our library)

## Revd Lore Chumbley writes:

Revd Dr Robert Paul Reiss has spent 50 years in ministry in the Anglican Church as parish priest, college chaplain, Archdeacon of Surrey and Canon Treasurer and Sub Dean of Westminster Cathedral. As a theology student at Trinity, Cambridge, he was tutored by the astute and unconventional Harry Williams. He returned to Trinity as chaplain when John Robinson, the iconoclastic author of *Honest to God*, was Dean. With those credentials I approached *Sceptical Christianity* with some excitement. Could the book incite a paradigm shift comparable to *Honest to God*?

It is slim – 177 pages – and an engaging read. If anything it would have benefitted from a little more length – and therefore depth. The author briefly touches on the problems as he sees them: scientific scepticism which leaves room only for a “God of the gaps,” and the challenge of Biblical and historical criticism which destroys the credibility of a “fundamentalist” reading of the Bible.

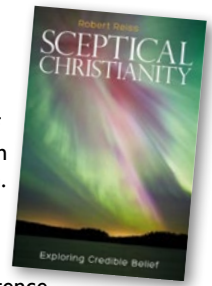
What I looked for in vain was a robust response to these arguments. If we as believing

Anglicans raise questions of belief, it must always be with the aim of discovering truth. For Reiss, loss of reliance on historical accuracy leads him to doubt everything including the historical existence of the empty tomb, the resurrection and the reality of life after death. Since Reiss has already made clear that he does not accept the Bible as a document with historical validity, no argument from scripture will alter his beliefs. The most he will accept is that the persistence of the teachings of Jesus as a way in which to live is a type of resurrection.

From my point of view, robust Biblical and historical criticism is valuable because it leads to a deeper understanding of what we believe. Subjecting our beliefs to fierce questioning should be a method of burnishing faith, not of rubbing it away.

So, a thought-provoking book, but one which needed as much energy given to the answers as to the questions.

The best quote is from Cardinal Vincent Nichols, who apparently asked from the pulpit of Westminster Abbey: “Is there anyone here who believes in the God Richard Dawkins doesn’t believe in?” Not a hand went up.



# Charity of the month: Toilet Twinning

*The loose collection in the plate on Sunday 14 August, plus an optional retiring collection for the rest of August, will go to Toilet Twinning.*

Toilet Twinning funds the work of Tearfund partners globally to provide people in the poorest communities on the planet with a decent toilet, clean water and all the information they need to stay healthy. It’s the key to helping whole communities break free of the poverty trap. For just £60, you can twin your loo with a latrine in

a country of your choice – in Africa,



Cambodia, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and more. For £240, you can twin with a school block.

Your donation is used by Tearfund to provide clean water, basic sanitation and hygiene education. This vital combination works to prevent the spread of disease. Safe toilets also help prevent animal attack and sexual assault. Children are healthier, and able to go to school; parents are well enough to work their land and grow food to feed their family. With better health, and more ability to earn a living, men and women discover the potential that lies within them to bring transformation.

Family by family, community by community, nation by nation, we are flushing away poverty. For more details, visit [www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org)

## Bold vision for education launched at General Synod

The largest single provider of schools and academies in England has launched a bold and ambitious vision for education at General Synod. The Church of England educates 1 million pupils in 4700 schools and has plans to open another 125 schools in the next five years. Speaking at General Synod, the lead bishop for education, Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely, said the vision will equip the Church in the current wider education framework: “With the opportunity to shape and enhance our provision and to influence the debate about what education is for; to open new schools and develop existing schools; and to provide radically new approaches to how we function as a movement for education and train teachers and leaders to share that vision.”

The Vision was developed by a theological reference group, chaired by Professor David Ford, Regius Professor of Divinity Emeritus at Cambridge University following widespread consultation.

The Church of England Vision for Education embraces the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, moral and social development of children and young people. It offers a vision of human flourishing for all, one that embraces excellence and academic rigour, but sets them in a wider framework. This is worked out theologically and educationally through four basic elements which permeate the vision: wisdom, hope, community and dignity.

The Rev Nigel Genders, Chief Education Officer for the Church of England said: “The need to set out our stall in an increasingly fragmented educational scene and where wellbeing of young people is of national concern is clear. Through this vision pupils, parents, new and existing schools and teachers will know how aspiring we are for them and how we will best support them in future years.”

The vision, in line with the Church of England’s role as the established Church, is for the common good of the whole community and its environment, whether national, regional or local.

General Synod overwhelmingly welcomed the report following a debate in which Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, expressed his support, describing the vision as “immensely exciting” and “outward looking”.

The new Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership which opens in the Autumn will be underpinned by this vision and will provide networks, training and research to equip leaders to continue play a vital role in education in this new phase of the Church of England’s involvement in education.

**Visit [www.bit.ly/29DVqnm](http://www.bit.ly/29DVqnm) to read the vision document**

## Good safeguarding integral to mission of Church

A resource to help local churches do some theological thinking around safeguarding has been published by the Faith and Order Commission (FAOC), in response to a request by the lead bishop for safeguarding, the Rt Rev Paul Butler.

Approved by the House of Bishops last month, the document is aimed at Christian communities who want to consider how the Church can speak about the gospel when facing the reality of sexual abuse, both in the communities it serves and as a crime carried out by its own members and officers. It is intended to be used with clergy, laity, staff and volunteers for both formal and informal teaching including training sessions, church groups and sermons.

The Gospel, Sexual Abuse and the Church: A Theological Resource for the Local Church notes that safeguarding from abuse and responding well to it needs to be grounded in Christian theology and so should be part of the Church's regular ministry of preaching and teaching. "Good safeguarding is integral to the mission of the Church," it states.

The Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, the Church of England's lead bishop on safeguarding, said: "I'm delighted that this thoughtful and accessible resource from the Faith and Order Commission is now available. It sets out a compelling vision of the kind of church we want to be without glossing over our failures. I would encourage everyone concerned with safeguarding in the church to read it, and above all to use it for teaching, thinking and praying about how we respond as Christ's disciples to the very serious issues raised by abuse."

The text is meant to be read as a specifically theological resource alongside safeguarding policy and guidance documents from the local diocese and the national church.

**Read the resource via [www.bit.ly/29xRfGE](http://www.bit.ly/29xRfGE) or order from [www.chpublishing.co.uk](http://www.chpublishing.co.uk)**

**Read a recent blog from lead bishop for safeguarding Rt Rev Paul Butler [www.bit.ly/29z4lBx](http://www.bit.ly/29z4lBx)**

## Funding announced for projects to promote growth and change

Nine dioceses will receive a significant cash injection to support major growth and change projects under Renewal and Reform.

The Spending Plans Task Group of the Church Commissioners and Archbishops' Council has awarded £7.8m to projects from nine dioceses from the stream of Strategic Development Funding, which is to be expanded from 2017 as part of Renewal and Reform.

This is the third tranche of Strategic Development Funding to be awarded in the 2014-16

triennium and now brings the total allocated through to just under of £15m.

The aim of the funding is to complement the formula-based funding distributed to dioceses each year, so they can benefit from additional resources to make a significant difference to their long-term mission and financial strength, by supporting major growth and change activity which fits with dioceses' strategic plans.

Proposals will be evaluated throughout to ensure that learning for the wider Church can be captured and disseminated, complementing



the new process of diocesan Peer Review, which is also a key part of Renewal and Reform.

The funding was awarded after a competitive process, in which dioceses were invited to put forward initial applications to the Task Group. Those proposals which were judged to meet the criteria most strongly were invited to submit detailed project plans.

Thirteen applications were received in the first stage, of which eight were invited forward to the second stage, together with one which had undertaken further work on its project

The nine projects awarded funding:

Carlisle: £859,000 to help implement the diocese's strategy for new Mission Communities, through developing Mission Community Leaders, Fresh Expressions, and Digital Evangelism.

Derby: £1.26m to help establish a City Centre Resource Church and Missional Community in Derby, to support outreach to young people and 14 deprived parishes.

Durham: £800,000 for the diocese's Missional Leadership for Growth Programme to over 150 key local leaders, accompanied by action learning and mission projects in parishes.

Exeter: £1m for the diocese's 'Growing the Rural Church' programme to help rural parishes develop mission and in particular develop the use of their church buildings in a way which strengthens mission and evangelism.

plan. All nine projects have subsequently been awarded funding, complementing the dioceses' own investment in the work being supported.

John Spence, chair of the Archbishops' Council Finance Committee, said: "I'm delighted that the Archbishops' Council and Church Commissioners have been able to support some exciting proposals, and help these dioceses turn their strategic plans into reality" We have a range of very different approaches here, but all of them are focused on strengthening mission and growth at grass-roots level.

Portsmouth: £929,000 to support an expansion of the diocese's Pioneer Project and to develop a City Centre Resource Church.

Rochester: £665,000 to re-establish mission in Chatham Town Centre, planting a new worshipping community alongside missional outreach.

Sodor and Man: £135,000 for a Pioneer Youth team to strengthen mission and evangelism for children and young people, through work in schools and selected parishes, in association with the Scripture Union Ministries Trust.

Southwark: £950,000 for Pioneer Ministry and a Resource Church in Nine Elms and development of Fresh Expressions across the diocese.

Southwell & Nottingham: £1.2m for the development of 25 strategic resource churches, a Younger Leadership College and a City Centre Resource Church in Nottingham.

# Synod approves motion to build a ‘generous and forward looking country’ after EU Referendum

The General Synod of the Church of England has voted unanimously to approve the call of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York “to unite in the common task of building a generous and forward looking country” during a debate on the EU referendum vote.

The Archbishops also warned that rushing too swiftly to reconciliation would be a mistake when the nation is still reacting to the impact of the vote.

Moving the motion, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said:

“The result has released a latent racism and xenophobia in all sectors, and challenges the prevailing consensus of tolerance and acceptance, thus threatening other areas of welcome liberalisation.

“This is a time for remembering the authority and power of God, revealed in Jesus Christ, and of the good news that we have in our hands for all people in this land. All round the world Christians suffer and yet trust. We can do no less. We are to be led by our theology, which must define our politics, our fears and our hopes.

“The clearest inspiration to those outside the church, the best way we will communicate, the way we bring hope in anxious times, is to be a holy community, and one which is recognised in its conduct as manifestly holy. We must manage our own disagreements, whether over sexuality or other matters, with transparent love and delight, and not with words and actions that discredit the hope of unity. And we must be renewed in joyful and boundless love for each other and neighbor - expressed in action, shown in worship and prayer.”

The Archbishop of York Dr. John Sentamu said:

“In situations of conflict we call for unity and reconciliation too quickly, mostly because the anger of others as well as our own is unbearably painful and we want it to end. But it can't end till it has been faced and it cannot be faced until it has been ‘allowed out’. We have to find ways, not violent ways, of allowing it out.”

The original motion as proposed was amended by a motion of Mrs Enid Barron (London) with the support of the Archbishops during the debate. The final text, which was carried unanimously, reads:

“That this Synod, recognising the result of the recent referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union, (a) welcomes the Archbishops' call for all to unite in the common task of building a generous and forward looking country, contributing to human flourishing around the world, and encourage all members of the CofE to play their part actively in partnership with everyone in Civil Society in pursuit of this task, (b) commends the work already carried out by the Church in bringing communities together and recommend that as a minimum every bishop identify a champion in their diocese to assess what more the Church could do and to make recommendations for creating stronger and more constructive links between local communities as a basis for achieving this common task.”

**To read Archbishop Justin's speech [www.bit.ly/29CHRHX](http://www.bit.ly/29CHRHX)**

# Christ Church calendar August 2016

<b>Aug</b>	4	Thu	Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	5	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	6	Sat	<i>The Transfiguration of our Lord</i>
	<b>7</b>	Sun	<i>The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</i> (Choir break – no Choral Evensong today)
	12	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	<b>14</b>	Sun	<i>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i> 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
	15	Mon	<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
	18	Thu	Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	19	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	<b>21</b>	Sun	<i>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	24	Wed	<i>Bartholomew the Apostle</i>
	26	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	<b>28</b>	Sun	<i>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	29	Mon	<i>Beheading of John the Baptist</i>
	30	Tue	Christ Church Council meeting, 7:40pm
<b>Sep</b>	1	Thu	Pilgrim Group meeting, 7:30pm
	2	Fri	Cedar Tree café, 11am-1:30pm
	<b>4</b>	Sun	<i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> Apple Picking Party in aid of Genesis, 12 midday onwards 4:30pm Choral Evensong (TBC)

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# Prayer Cycle for August 2016

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1</b>	For scientists and engineers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2</b>	For all in hospital
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3</b>	For good relationships between different faiths
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4</b>	We give thanks for beauty in creation
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5</b>	For the unemployed
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6</b>	For children and their families
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7</b>	For all clergy taking services at Christ Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8</b>	For shopkeepers and shop workers
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9</b>	For our link dioceses in Zambia
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10</b>	That we may work for the kingdom of heaven
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11</b>	For all who produce publicity for Christ Church
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12</b>	For countries in conflict
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>13</b>	For those on holiday
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14</b>	For Alex and Malcolm our Churchwardens
<b>Monday</b>	<b>15</b>	For our neighbours at St Mary's Catholic Church
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>16</b>	For those who work in the emergency services
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17</b>	For former members of Christ Church who have moved away
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18</b>	For our Diocese of Bath and Wells
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19</b>	For those who use and run food banks
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20</b>	For those who have suffered from terrorism
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21</b>	For our servers and others who assist at the altar
<b>Monday</b>	<b>22</b>	For those in the legal profession
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23</b>	We give thanks for those who enrich our lives

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>24</b>	For those who live or work in care homes
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25</b>	For Lore and Colin
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26</b>	For the ministry of the Cedar Tree
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27</b>	That we may have grace to love
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28</b>	For the Trustees of Christ Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>29</b>	For our government and politicians
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>30</b>	For Bible scholars and theologians
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>31</b>	For churches, Cathedrals and communities named Christ Church

## Long-term Prayer List

*Please remember those we've been asked to pray for...*

John Burrows  
 Cyril Selmes  
 Ned Townshend  
 Joyce Fairburn  
 Val Curtis  
 Martin Palmer  
 Katharine  
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 Tabitha and Fonella Coles  
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**Want to add a name to the prayer list, either long-term or short-term, or remove one? Please use the lists at the back of the church, or let the Verger or one of the Churchwardens know.**

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# Rotas for August 2016

*Readers and readings, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>7 August</b> Trinity 11	<b>Emma Elliott</b> Genesis 15:1-6	<b>Charles Rice</b> Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	<b>Margaret Heath</b> Luke 12:32-40
<b>14 August</b> Trinity 12	<b>Jane Fletcher</b> Jeremiah 23:23-29	<b>Brenda Wall</b> Hebrews 11:29-12.2	<b>Penny Edwards</b> Luke 12:49-56
<b>21 August</b> Trinity 13	<b>Sylvia Ayers</b> Isaiah 58:9b-end	<b>Alex Soboslay</b> Hebrews 2:18-end	<b>Rowena Hall</b> Luke 13:10-17
<b>28 August</b> Trinity 14	<b>Malcolm Wall</b> Proverbs 25:6-7	<b>Georgina Bowman</b> Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	<b>Janet Mahto</b> Luke 14:1,7-14
<b>4 Sept</b> Trinity 15	<b>Junior Church</b> Jeremiah 18:1-11	<b>Junior Church</b> Philemon 1-21	<b>Junior Church</b> Luke 14:25-33

*Laitry rota, Sunday 10am Eucharist*

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<b>7 August</b>	Malcolm Wall, Keri Chivers	Margaret Silver, Morny Davison	Rebekah Cunningham
<b>14 August</b>	David Rawlings, Janet Mahto	Ken Ayers, Sylvia Ayers	Revd Cliff Burrows
<b>21 August</b>	Brenda Wall, Clive Tilling	Morny Davison, Janet Mahto	Georgina Bowman
<b>28 August</b>	Jane Fletcher, Malcolm Wall	Jane Nicholson, Rowena Hall	Penny Edwards
<b>4 Sept</b>	Keri Chivers, Janet Mahto	(Junior Church)	Junior Church

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# About Christ Church

*We're a liberal, inclusive and open church,  
seeking God through beauty in our worship, honesty  
in our faith and doubt, and support in our community*

Christ Church has an unusual history, out of which has developed a distinctive ministry. It was founded at the end of the 18th century by a group of socially concerned clergy and lay people for those excluded from worship through the system of pew rents. It was probably the first church in England since the Reformation to provide seating for all free of charge. Early supporters included: John Moore, the Archbishop of Canterbury; William Wilberforce, the great evangelical and campaigner against slavery; and Martin Stafford Smith, godfather of John Keble, a founder of the Oxford Movement.

Christ Church is not a parish church and does not have a full-time vicar. This has led to the development of a shared ministry where clergy and laity both make important contributions to worship and church life.

Christ Church is part of the Anglican diocese of Bath and Wells, although it still sits outside the normal Church of England parish system. We see ourselves as a traditional and liberal Anglican church. Worship is led by our clergy, and music is provided by our

robed choir and organist. There is the option of separate activities for children in Junior Church groups during our 10am Sunday service.

As well as worship on a Sunday morning, there are many other activities going on in our community. We support the Genesis Sunday Centre and have our own community café. The musical tradition of the church continues to thrive, and we have an active choir. New singers of all ages are always very welcome. Our ecumenical Home Group provides a space for exploration and discussion of faith in an open and non-judgemental setting.

## Regular Sunday services

- 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
*On the second Sunday of every month*
- 10am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church activities for children and young people  
*Every Sunday*
- 4:30pm Choral Evensong  
*Usually the first Sunday of every month, but not in August – see website or notice board*

Baptisms, marriages and funerals by arrangement – please contact us!



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